Minutes of the Annual Gneeral Meeting of the Parish of Bar Hill which was held in the School of the 29th March, 1972 at 7.30 p.m.

Present were Mrs Leakey, our County Councillor, the Parish Council and 30 residents of the village.

1. Apologies for Absence
These were recieved from B. Oakley-Smith and H. de Waal.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 1971.

These were read by the Clerk and signed by the chairman as being correct record.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

None were raised as they were to be covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

4. Chairman's Report

Mr. Lakin referred to the more importnat matter of the wide range of activities that the Council had dealt with during the past year.

(a) The Village Green. Progress since the Special Parish Meeting had been delayed awaiting the next meeting (April 19th) of the County Council Finance Committee, when the request for financial aid was to be considered. The land had not been conveyed to the Council but the Developers had agreed that work could begin ahead of the conveyancing. The initial work would possibly be done by a local farmer with the larger jobs being put out for tender.

(b) Planning Applications. Here the Council were privileged to view and comment upon the Applications and were thus able to express their reservations about the use of the Industrial Area and the lack of land for recreation purposes. 5 acres would not suffice for 5,000 population now envisaged. The County Planning Dept. had agreed to a Meeting to discuss the New Plan.
Local Government reorganization moved responsibilities from the County Councils to the new District Councils who it is doubted would have such strong powers to protct out interests. The chairman pledged the Council to look closely at all future applications to prevent the situation, as at the rear of Acorn Avenue and Fox Hollow, arising again, and gave an undertaking that the Council would not approve any further major applications until the village plan had been discussed and agreed.

(c) Relations with the Developers. These were good and the Council was particularly converned about the lack of street lighting in phase 2 and along the path the Central Area.

(d) Relations with other Organisations. We had good ties with the Association of Parish Councils and the neighbouring parishes of Lolworth and Dry Drayton.

(e) Footpaths. Although we had only short lengths within the village we were converned with the state of the paths linking Bar Hill to Lolworth and Dry Drayton.

(f) Bus Service. We now had buses entering the Villages twice a week but the service was inadequate, particularly on the 8.15 a.m. This together with the danger attendant on crossing the A604 caused the Council to support the application by the Whippet Bus Company to run a service entering the village at 8.10a.m.
Later in the meeting a motion proposed by Mr. Lakin and seconded by M.r Dale, stating that 'we welcome the application of the Whippet Bus Company and give it our full support' was passed by the Meeting.

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(g) Road Safety. The building of the Flyover awaited the results of the Cambridge By-Pass enquiry and the decision to dual carriage the A604. The Council supported the plans for the A604 as being beneficial to the Village.

(h) Facilities for Youth. The Council had initiated a Meeting during the Autumn that had resulted the establishment of a Youth Committee. A temporary pitch and goal posts had been obtained from the Developers.

(i) Neighbourhood Community Council. The Parish Council had co-operated with Swavesey V.C. in establishing the N.C.C. to oversee the needs of the village.

(j) Tree Preservation Order. Mr. Taylor had been active in getting the Department of Trees and Woodlands to make an order protecting trees and hedgerows in the village.

(k) Village Park. Two teak seats had been purchased and would soon be sited there.

Mr. Lakin then concluded by thanking all the people and organisations who had supported him during the year, particularly Mrs. Leakey, his fellow Parish Councillors and B.H.R.A. for space in their Newsletter.

Residents then asked a number of questions showing concern that :- the Industrial Area be used for Industrial rather than Warehousing Development. - The village have a chance to discuss the 'New Plan' before it is agreed to. - The lack of play areas in the new phases. - Planning Applications displayed on the notice board. - Peacemeal Development of the village should be resisted until the overal plan is seen.

5. Clerk - Treasurer's Report.

Receipts	£	p.	Payments	£	p
Balance at 1.4.71	21	30	Parish Council Assoc.	9	58
Precepts	125	00	Hirings of chool	7	78
			Clerk's Remuneration	35	00
			Duplicating Paper	1	14
			" Stencils	3	02
			Clerks Expends.	2	99
			Total "	59	51
			Balance at Bank	86	79
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6. Mrs. Leakey - County Council Report.

The C.C. were very mindful of the need for Bar Hill to succeed and were working hard to ensure success.

In education the scheme for the re-organisation of Secondary education in the South of the County was with the Secretary of State for Education and an answer was expected late in the summer.

In Social Services two new Acts of Parliament "The Old People and Chronically Sick" had been introduced. The re-organisation of the Social Services organisation begun in 1971 would result in more humane treatment for 'Families in Need'. More voluntary help was needed and the Home Help Service was being improved.

Rates would continue to rise.

In 1973 elections for the new style County Council would be held prior to taking over in 1974 when the present Council would retire. Mrs. Leakey then announced that it was her intention to retire with the outgoing Council.

7. Mrs. Palmann - Manager of Bar Hill School. Cont.

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8. Mr. Dale - Bar Hill representative on the Governing Body of Swavesey V.C.

Mr. Dale reported that during the year he had attended several Governor's and Staffing Meetings. Additions to the Staff had enabled Music and French to be added to the curriculum and Donald McIlhagga now the Career Councillor had done much for the 4th and 5th year pupils. The abolition of selection would further improve the image and performance of the college.

The variety of Evening Classes (37) and number attending (5;000) showed that Swavesey was fulfilling its function as a true Village College.

9. Mr. Dale - The Neighbourhood Community Council.

Mr. Dale outlined the brief history of the N.C.C. from its beginning last November under the auspices of the P.C. and Swavesey V.C. when it was suggested that such a co-ordinating body could play a valid part in the life of Bar Hill. A later meeting in February resulted in a sub-committee of 5 being appointed to identify the various needs of the village. Draught suggestions of this body will be presented to a general meeting to be held on May 2nd when proposals to set up a N.C.C. would be considered.

10. Mrs McIlhagga - Youth Work.

Mrs McIlhagga outlined the history of the attempts to establish a Youth Group in the Village, the difficulties of obtaining adequate premises in which to hold meetings, this will be eased with the opening of the Church in the summer, and the need to cater for the 50 children of Secondary School age who will be resident in Sept. 1972.

11. Mr. Duce - Bar Hill Residents Association.

Mr. Duce gave details of negotiations made on behalf of Residents concerning Maintenance Money, Purchase of Freehold, the T.V. Aerial, Telephone installation costs, and the cleaning of the lagoons. He reported on the Open Meeting held with Hanover Housing, the meeting with the C.C. Surveyor on Road Safety measurers in Bar Hill and of help given to the Motor Club.

12. Mr. Read-Jones - Road Safety.

Mr. Read-Jones reported on a joint meeting of the B.H.R.A. and P.C. with the County Surveyor. Signs would be erected as each phase was adopted. The Surveyor was prepared to put in 'Give Way' markings where roads intersected with the Perimeter Road before the roads were adopted as the marking had a life of only 18 months. The cost would have to be borne by the Village.

13. Rev. McIlhagga - The Church.

Mr. McIlhagga reported that the Church would be ready by mid-June and officially opened in September. Help with Painting and Gardening before September would be much appreciated.

14-18 Reports of past activities and future plans were then given, by representatives of the following organisations:-

Mrs Fromant	-	The Wives Group
Mr. Taylor	-	The Bar Hill Horticultural Society
Mrs Thrift	-	The Womens Institute
	-	The Playgroup
Mr. Headland	-	Bar Hill Amateur Dramatic Society.

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19 Any Other Business.

Mr. Read-Jones pointed out that houses on Oatlands Avenue have no access to the path at the rear. The Chairman agreed to raise the matter with the Developers.

A request was made that the entrance to Bar Hill from the North be made clearer, possibly with reflective posts and signs.

20. The next Annual Meeting was fixed for the 28th March, 1973 at 7.30 p.m. in the School.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30. p.m.